

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the originally-filed Abstract of the above-referenced U.S. application, and provides the amended Abstract on a separate sheet. Further, the specification has been amended to refer to and claim priority from the underlying International Application No. PCT/AU2003/001617 filed on December 4, 2003 and Australian Application No. 2002-953099 filed on December 4, 2002. In addition, originally-filed claims 1-92 of the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/AU2003/001617 have been amended to be an appropriate form for prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and not due to any reason of patentability. Claims 1-92 are under consideration in the above-identified application. The amendments to the Abstract, specification and claims do not add new matter to the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/AU2003/001617 includes an International Search Report, dated February 2, 2004, a copy of which is included. The Search Report includes a list of document(s) that have been considered by the Examiner in the underlying PCT application. In addition, attached herewith, please find a copy of the Preliminary Examination report for PCT Application No. PCT/AU2003/001617, dated March 17, 2005.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful.

Prompt consideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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